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SUBJ: TUNISIAN REQUEST TO DELAY START OF 1978 AMERICAN
SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (ASOR) PUNIC EXCAVATIONS

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1. THIS MORNING I RECEIVED TELEX FROM DR. PHILIP KING, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (ASOR) ASKING ME TO "CLARIFY WITH BESCHAOUCH WHO MUST BE PRESENT TO SIGN NEW ACCORD AND "WHETHER STAGER WILL SUFFICE OR MUST KING ALSO TRAVEL TO TUNIS."

2. I TELEPHONED BESCHAOUCH IMMEDIATELY AND PUT KING'S QUESTIONS. BESCHAOUCH SAID AMENDED ACCORD (WHICH WILL BE REGISTERED WITH UNESCO) WILL BE AN AGRETOTTOLWITH ASOR TO PERMIT HARVARD TEAM TO WORK INSIDE TOPHET SANC-TUARY, CARTHAGE. AS ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY CROSS OR NEWMAN, HE BELIEVES AMENDED AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED BY "AN OFFICER OF ASOR HAVING FULL POWER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN ON BEHALF OF DR. KING." IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR KING TO COME PERSONALLY TO TUNIS FOR THIS OCCASION; HE MAY DELEGATE ANOTHER ASOR OFFICER TO ACT FOR HIM. IF ASOR IS SATISFIED WITH TERMS OF
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NEW AGREEMENT, WORK CAN BE STARTED AT ONCE AND SIGNA-TURE DONE BY KING IN JUNE, WHEN BESCHAOUCH HOPES KING WILL BE PRESENT FOR ANNUAL UNESCO CONFERENCE ON CARTHAGE ARCHEOLOGICAL PROGRAM. HE APPRECIATES PROBLEM AND EX-PENSE TWO TRIPS BY KING WOULD ENTAIL AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO DEAL WITH HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE. HE BELIEVES STAGER IS PROBABLY NOT AN OFFICER OF ASOR.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: FOREGOING INFORMATION SHOULD BE PASSED SOONEST BY NEA/AFN OR SMITHSONIAN TO DR. PHILIP J. KING AT AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, 126 INMAN STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 (TEL:617-547-9780).
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